

## LEGAL NOTICE

### Opportunity to Comment on the Divide Peak Habitat Improvement Project

The Brush Creek-Hayden Ranger District of the Medicine Bow-Routt National Forest is soliciting comments on the Divide Peak Habitat Improvement Project. The project is located on the Brush Creek-Hayden Ranger District, Medicine Bow-Routt National Forest, in Carbon County, Wyoming. The legal description is T.14N., R.85W., Sections 5- 8, T.14N., R.86W., Sections 1-6, 8-12, 14, 15, T.15N., R.85W., Sections 6, 7, 17-20, 28-33, T.15N., R.86W., T.15N., R.87W., Sections 1-7, 9-17, 20-27, 35, 36, T.16N., R.86W., Sections 26-36, & T.16N., R.87W., Sections 14, 15, 21-36. The purpose of this project is to improve wildlife habitat and lower fuel loads to reduce fire hazards. There is a need to re-introduce fire through prescribed burns to improve age class distribution. Further information on this proposal is available for public review on the Medicine Bow-Routt National Forests and Thunder Basin National Grassland website at: <http://www.fs.fed.us/r2/mbr/projects/trans/index.shtml> or can be obtained by calling (307) 326-5258.

The preliminary assessment is that this proposal falls within a category of actions per 36 CFR 220 that are excluded from documentation in an Environmental Assessment (EA) or Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) as there are no extraordinary circumstances that would preclude use of the category 36 CFR 220.6(e)(6) – *Timber stand and/or wildlife habitat improvement activities that do not include the use of herbicides or do not require more than 1 mile of low standard road construction.*

To ensure consideration in this process, comments must be submitted within 30 days following the date of publication of this legal notice. This comment period is intended to provide those interested in or affected by this proposal an opportunity to comment on the proposed action before the Responsible Official makes a decision. Only those who provide comment or express interest in this proposal during this comment period will be eligible to appeal the decision pursuant to 36 CFR part 215 regulations.

Written comments must be submitted via mail, fax, electronically, or in person (Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., excluding holidays) to: Mick Hood, District FMO, USDA Forest Service, 2171 S HWY 130, PO Box 249, Saratoga, WY 82331. Electronic comments including attachments can be submitted to: [comments-rm-medicine-bow-routt-brush-creek-hayden@fs.fed.us](mailto:comments-rm-medicine-bow-routt-brush-creek-hayden@fs.fed.us). Individuals and organizations wishing to be eligible to appeal must meet the information requirements of 36 CFR 215.6.

This legal notice also serves to notify and invite public comment on the proposal as stipulated in 36 CFR 800.3 of the National Historic Preservation Act.

To request further information, please contact Mick Hood, District FMO, USDA Forest Service, 2171 S HWY 130, PO Box 249, Saratoga, WY 82331, (307) 326-2517, [mhood@fs.fed.us](mailto:mhood@fs.fed.us).

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